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con mixture contains from about 20% to about 90% by weight of
•omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

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Cont 64. (amended) A composition of matter according to Claim 63,
wherein said at least one liquid oil containing 20-90% by
weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids is fish oil.

65. (amended) A composition of matter according to Claim 64,
wherein said fish oil contains above 50% by weight of omega-3
polyunsaturated fatty acids.

C2 84. (amended) A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading
comprising at least about 50% by weight of fish oil and about
50% or less of beeswax.

85. (amended) A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading
according to Claim 84 comprising at least about 80% by weight
of fish oil.

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according to Claim 85 comprising about 60% by weight of omega-
3 polyunsaturated acids.

87. (amended) A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading
according to Claim 85, further comprising at least one
additional ingredient.

88. (amended) A homogenous semi-solid paste for spreading according to Claim 87, wherein said at least one additional ingredient is selected from at least one odorant and at least one flavoring agent.

89. (amended) A method for the preparation of a composition of matter according to claim 61, the method comprising:

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- (a) heating a mixture of said at least one liquid oil and said at least one solid fat to a temperature above the melting point of said at least one solid fat, under conditions such that homogeneous consistency is obtained; and
 - (b) gradually cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining a homogeneous semi-solid paste that can be stored at room temperature and/or by household refrigerating.
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90. (amended) A method according to claim 89 for the preparation of homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading comprising at least 50% by weight of fish oil and beeswax, said method comprising:

- (a) mixing fish oil with beeswax at 80°C under stirring until a homogeneous consistency is obtained; and

- (b) cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining a homogeneous semi-solid paste containing from at least about 50% to about at least 80% by weight of fish oil, that can be stored at room temperature and/or by household refrigeration.

12. (amended) A method according to claim 90, for the preparation of homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading comprising about 83% by weight of fish oil, said method comprising:

- (a) mixing 400 g fish oil with 80 g beeswax at 80°C under stirring until a homogeneous consistency is obtained; and
- (b) cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining a homogeneous semi-solid paste containing about 83% by weight of fish oil that can be stored at room temperature and/or by household refrigeration.

92. (amended) A homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading comprising ~~from about~~ at least 50% by weight of fish oil and ~~from about 20%~~ ¹² to about 50% of beeswax, said homogeneous semi-solid paste being formed by a method comprising:

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- (a) mixing fish oil with beeswax at 80°C under stirring until a homogeneous consistency is obtained; and
- (b) cooling said mixture to room temperature, thus obtaining said homogeneous semi-solid paste suitable for spreading.

Delete non-elected claims 93-96 and 101 without prejudice to the present invention and without prejudice to applicant's rights including those under §§121, 120 and 119.

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Add new claim 102 as follows:

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102. (new) A composition of matter according to Claim 65, wherein said fish oil contains about 80% by weight of omega-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids.

REMARKS

The Official Action of August 13, 2002, and the prior art cited and applied therein have been carefully studied. The claims in the application are now claims 61-92, 97-100 and new claim 102, and these claims (including some of which are presently deemed non-elected) are submitted to define novel and unobvious subject matter under §§102 and 103, and therefore should be allowed. Applicant accordingly respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance.